

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, July 11, 2022

> Call to Order

Called at 6:00

> Pledge of Allegiance

> Roll Call

All council members were present. Diane Cahall was absent and meeting notes were taken by Victoria Frazier. Keith Vautard attended briefly regarding water billing but will follow-up with Diane upon her return. Guests in attendance were Amy and Larry Reed from 13 North Main Street.

> Minutes of Last Meeting

Approved as presented; motion by Ryan; second by Buck; motion carried.

> Treasurer's Report

Review of Diane's prepared report. Mayor Frazier noted the receipt of the second round of ARPA funding for \$46,050. Dustan noted that he had questioned Sunnyfield Contractors about the mobilization fee included for the repair job at 27 East Walnut. Sunnyfield replied that this will be adjusted on the next job billing. Motion to pay the bills by Ryan; second by Buck; motion carried.

> Public Works/Infrastructure

a. Water System & Fire Hydrants

See attached water report. Fire hydrant breakaway kit swapped out for the hydrant by Scott's house. Water main leaking; dug up old main and capped it. Old main is still charged.

Ralph added that discoloration is constant and he couldn't get the line to totally clear. DelDot toured Town with Reybold. Still need flow rates to finish painting hydrants. Street lights were replaced.

Buck questioned the white stop line westbound Walnut Street at intersection. Was put back in same place as before. Mayor Frazier explained that we have

permission from DelDot to move it back 15 feet to better accommodate left turns. Delayed due to water project. He will contact DelDot to have it moved.

b. Delaware Drinking Water Revolving Fund

We have heard rumors that we were successful in our request for additional water project funding, but have yet to receive formal notification from the State of Delaware. Maybe by Labor Day?

c. Cross Connection Service

No update but Mayor Frazier is registered to take a Zoom class about it on July 28.

d. Lead Service Line Inventory

No update.

e. Similar System Data Collection

No update.

f. Traffic Assessment

No update. See earlier note regarding white stop line at intersection.

g. Curb Painting

No update.

h. Transportation Improvement District (TID)

No update.

i. DAFB Compatible Use Study

Mayor Frazier was scheduled to have a one-to-one interview with the project staff and Mayor of Bowers Beach but it never happened. He is scheduled for another Zoom meeting on July 25 which should update him on the project.

j. Regional Resiliency Assessment Program

Mayor Frazier received a cold call from Mark Dworkin at DE Emergency Management requesting about a dozen plans and reports from us. Of the items listed, we had only three to offer, which were sent. The original project scope targeted Milford, Selbyville, Middletown and Magnolia. He explained to Mr. Dworkin that we are nowhere near the level of the other three and that he wasn't sure we could offer much information. Like many residents, Mr. Dworkin may be

thinking that the Town of Magnolia equals the entire 19962 zip code. Not sure if this will reappear on the radar.

New Business

None.

Old Business

a. Properties and Code Enforcement

Tree of Heaven and Spotted Lanternfly were discussed. The Reed family expressed concern that Ms. Champion is being singled out due to her property being ground zero for our project. Mayor Frazier will contact her to reassure her that we have done our due diligence on this project. Follow-up treatment not due till fall per State requirements.

Mayor Frazier shared an update from Dept of Agriculture regarding same and a State press release about it will be issued on July 12. Dept of Ag's website contains information about the trees and the insects as well as options for property owners to combat them. Vicki Frazier noted that her cousin in southeastern PA has had spotted lanternflies on her property for 3-4 years now and she doesn't even have any Tree of Heaven on her property. They are simply one of many insect pests in our region.

b. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

As noted earlier, our 2nd (and final) ARPA funding payment was received. We have until December 2024 to commit the funds and December 2026 to actually expend them. Additionally, we still have available \$50,000 in State Capitol Improvement Funds earmarked for us by Senator Bonini last year, which is good until July 1, 2024. We are in a good position to take on some special projects.

c. Mail/Package Deliveries

No update, but Mayor Frazier complimented the Fire Company for the significant repaving and restriping of the Post Office parking lot. He feels that it makes it look like an entirely new facility.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Susanne, second by Buck and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Frazier (for Diane Cahall)